Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, February 9 through 15, 2003, has been designated Career and Technical Education Week by the Association for Career and Technical Education and will be celebrated with school-based activities around the country; and,

Whereas, Profound economic and technological changes in our society are being rapidly reflected in the structure and nature of work, thereby placing new and additional responsibilities on our educational system; and,

Whereas, Career and technical education provides the citizens of South Dakota with a School-to-Career connection, the backbone of a strong, well-educated workforce, which fosters productivity in business and industry and contributes to our state's competitiveness in the international marketplace; and,

Whereas, South Dakota career and technical education provides a total of over 30,000 students with experiences in practical, meaningful applications of basic skills such as reading, writing, and mathematics, thus improving the quality of their education, motivating potential dropouts, and giving all students leadership opportunities in their fields and in their communities; and,

Whereas, Career and technical education offers individuals lifelong opportunities to learn new skills, which provide them with career choices and personal satisfaction; and,

Whereas, The ever-increasing cooperative efforts of career and technical educators, business, and industry stimulate the growth and vitality of our state's economy by preparing workers for the occupations forecast to experience the fastest growth into the next decade:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim February 9 through 15, 2003, as

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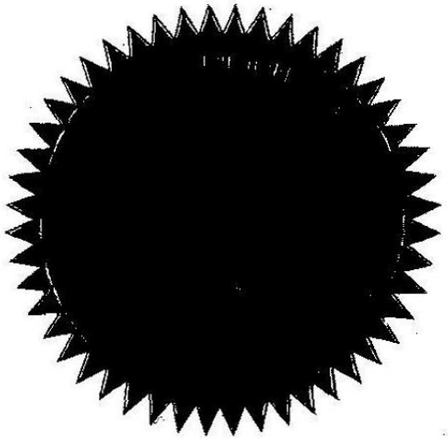
in South Dakota, and I urge all citizens to become familiar with the services and benefits offered by career and technical education programs in South Dakota and to support and participate in these programs to enhance their work skills productivity.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fifteenth Day of January in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

M. Michael Rounds

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest: C. J. Nelson

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State